JOHN H. HARDEN, President and Owner MRS. JOHN HARDEN I. C. CHUNN 265 Auburn Ave., N. E. Secretary and Director of Publicity Vice-President and Treasurer Business Phone - JA. 8490 Residence Phone — RA. 0452 heleson Atlanta Black Crackers Laymons LEAGUE MEMBERS THE SOUTH'S FINEST HOME GROUNDS Memphis Member of Negro American League Ponce de Leon Park Birmingham Atlanta, Ga. Cincinnati Clowns Cleveland Buckeyes ATLANTA, GEORGIA 5-9318 Dand Fr Jen Seksonille Fla Kansas City March 12.1945 Atlanta New Orleans Chicago Mr. A. Manley 71 Crawford Street Newark.2.N.J. Dear Mr. Manley: Your letter of March 5th was receiveed a few days ago while I was attending the schedule meeting of my league. I read your letter carefully and I see where you are still pessimistic about the coming season. I personally feel better since the manpower bill is seemingly dead and I do not beleive they will pass it anyhow. I feel that your team would draw here on the 29th of April. I have the park open on that date and if. you decide to come down to Atlanta I can play you all the way back to your engagement through North Carolina and Virginia. Posey was at the Southern Conference meeting last week and agreed to play Lewis who will operate his farm team in Washington on that date after he play him around the south. I am telling you this confidentially. I will give you 35 percent in Atlanta and I know you will make over a \$1.000.00 on the 29th engagement if we get the weather. Your team has been well talked about here and I know you would make money on the trip.

Please let me hear from you immediately about this date because I must fill it right away.

Give both my wifes and my fond regards to Mrs. Manley, I am

Sincerely

John It. Starden,

PS___ I will be looking forward to a date in your city if you see fit to accept the date in Atlanta.

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